

WALK SOFTLY—AND CARRY A BIG STICK. Theodore Roosevelt

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Noted Speakers at W. Paris Sat.

GOVERNOR TO SPEAK AT LEGION'S PUBLIC AMERICANISM PROGRAM

The Jackson-Silver Post and Unit No. 68, American Legion, which is comprised of members from Lockes Mills, Bryant Pond, Milton and West Paris will present the biggest Public Americanism Program ever attempted in this section of the State in the West Paris High School gymnasium, Saturday evening, Feb. 22 at 7:30.

The Posts and Units in the Second District have been asked to send delegations and veterans of all wars, Boy Scouts, Superintendents of Schools and their committees, Selectmen, all fraternal and patriotic bodies and school children are especially invited to attend.

Governor Sumner Sewall will head the list of distinguished speakers which will include Dept. Commander Paul Julien of the American Legion of Waterville; the Auxiliary's National Chaplain, Marietta Greenlaw of Augusta; State Americanism Officer Richard Howell of Quoddy Village; State Head of the G. A. R., George Jones of Oxford; Dept. President Mary Milliken of West Baldwin; State Americanism Chairman Mary Minnehan of Lewiston and Harold Gammon of West Paris, Dept. Vice Com. of the U. S. W. V.

Twelve schools of the towns of Paris, Woodstock and Greenwood are contributing to the entertainment and the combined High School orchestras of West Paris and South Paris will give a special concert from 7:30 to 8:00. Piano and violin solos will be played by Frankie Bean and Wayne Redman of Bryant Pond and Edward Kalkanen with his accordion will represent the Finnish-American population.

Four American flags will be presented and Rev. James MacKillop of Bryant Pond will lead in the singing.

Comrade and Mrs. Joseph Barrett are Co-Chairmen of this unusual program and Alanson Cummings, Oxford County Commander and chaplain of the local Post, will act as master of ceremonies.

FREE MOVIES NEXT WEDNESDAY EVENING

There will be a free exhibition of moving pictures on Winter Sports at Garland Chapel on Wednesday evening, February 26, at 8 o'clock. The pictures will be shown by Ranger Waldo of the U. S. Forest Service.

FRANKLIN GRANGE

Franklin Grange of Bryant Pond met Saturday evening, February 15th. All officers present but Lecturer, and that office was filled by Mrs. Verna Swan and Miss Lolly Day filled the office in the degrees. The charter was draped for Mrs. Agnes Davis of West Paris and Mrs. Addie Lapham of Milton, who were members of Franklin Grange. The first and second degrees were conferred on Mrs. Matti Ring, Arthur Cummings, Arthur Newell Jr. and Kenneth Swan. Another candidate was absent. After the degree work a social hour was enjoyed. The next meeting will be March 1st and the Ladies' Degree team of West Paris will do the work.

READ THIS WEEK:

Weekly News Analysis
Economic Highlights
Reciprocal Plans Have Role in Next Peace—Baukhaga
How to Sew
Guess Again
"School Days"—Carlson
Bethel Town Warrant
Hoover Presents New Plans
"The Low Down"

DAIRMEN TO MEET AT FARM-HOME WEEK

Sherman English, president of the Maine Livestock Breeders' Association, announces a regular annual meeting of that organization to be held at 8:40 Thursday morning, March 27, in Alumni hall on the University of Maine campus.

Special luncheon meetings of three dairy breed associations will be held during Farm and Home week at the University of Maine, March 24-27, representatives of the association have announced.

All meetings will be held Thursday noon, March 27.

Speakers to appear at the Holstein-Friesian association luncheon are Allen N. Crissey, association representative in the eastern states, and J. C. Watson, editor New England Homestead, Springfield, Mass.

The Guernsey breeders are to hear Karl B. Musser, secretary, and Earl N. Cohultz, field representative, both of the American Guernsey Cattle Club, Peterborough, N. H.

John C. Thompson, field representative of the American Jersey Cattle Club, is to speak at the Jersey Breeders' luncheon.

SPEAKS FROM EXPERIENCE WITH GERMAN PROPAGANDA

A German who finds that country under Hitler so little to his liking that he is now looking forward to becoming an American citizen, that is Herbert G. Sonthoff, who will address the annual meeting of the Maine Farm Bureau Federation, on Tuesday, March 25, during Farm and Home Week at the University of Maine.

Mr. Sonthoff, who left Germany 24 hours before Hitler's army invaded Poland, first came to this country in 1934 as an exchange student, then returned to Germany when his visa expired and had an unusual opportunity to acquire first-hand facts on the operation of the Nazi propaganda machine.

He was on the staff of a Berlin daily during the Reichstag fire and the blood purge. Later he traveled extensively in Italy, France, Belgium, and Switzerland as a courier for the semi-official German tourist agency. Mr. Sonthoff has also been employed by the largest Berlin moving picture company, by a German shortwave station, and was for a year and a half a staff member of the commercial section of the American Consulate in Berlin.

On his return to Germany after receiving a master's degree from an American university, Mr. Sonthoff found that it was impossible for him to reconcile himself to conditions as he found them. He therefore returned to the United States to make his home and is now studying at Harvard. He is looking forward to the day when he will be an American citizen.

All persons attending Farm and Home Week are invited to hear Mr. Sonthoff; these meetings of the Farm Bureau Federation are open to the public.

BETHEL BAND AT METHODIST CHURCH

The Bethel Band, assisted by the Choir will play at the service Sunday evening 7:30.

The following order of service will be given:

Coronation—Band and Choir.	
Chief of Staff—Band	
Scripture—Band	
Rock of Ages—Band	
Prayer—	
Nearer My God to Thee—Band	
Responsive Reading—Band	
March, Ensign—Band	
Poem, Symbol of Honor—Band	
Short talk, "The Value of Music"—Band	
Connecticut March—Band	
National Emblem, March—Band	
Selection by Choir—Band	
Show Boy, March—Band	
Sun of My Soul—Band and Choir	
Old Hundred—Band	
Benediction—	

Berlin Aviator Hits Power Line

CUB PLANE CRASHES TO RIVER—WEST TAKEN TO HOSPITAL, UNCONSCIOUS

While flying toward Berlin at dusk this Thursday evening John E. West, manager of the Berlin Airport, flew into the high tension wires at the crossing over the Androscoggin River west of West Bethel, and his plane crashed to the river. He was followed by Dr. and Mrs. F. F. Appleton of Gorham, who landed and finding West unconscious carried him in their plane to a point where he could be taken up the river bank. He was taken to a Berlin hospital and as we go to press no report of his condition is available.

It is reported that West's plane was badly wrecked, and it is said that the planes, both Piper Cubs, have now been blown from the point where they were left.

THE OXFORD COUNTY UNITED PARISH NEWS NOTES

The 16th annual Winter Carnival will be held this Friday and Saturday in North Waterford. The carnival is under the direction of the Crooked River Outing Club. The carnival play under the direction of Molly Holt will be given at 8 p. m. Friday evening. Saturday morning o'clock. Dinner will be served in the sports events will start at 9:30 church vestry at noon. Afternoon events start at one. Supper will be served in the vestry. In the evening at 7:30 the Carnival Queen will be crowned and awards and prizes given. At 8:30 the Carnival Play "Stream-Lined Sue" will be repeated. The Carnival Frolic and Dance will follow the play Friday evening.

Also Friday evening is the regular Center Lovell Circle Supper. Sunday the 23rd, regular services in all the churches. Pilgrim Fellowship in the evening.

Tuesday evening the N. Waterford Cabinet meets to make plans for Lent. Also Tuesday evening is the North Lovell service.

Wednesday evening the N. Waterford Y. A. meet with Miss Lodgkins and Miss Shay as hostesses.

Wednesday is the first day of Lent Ask for your Fellowship of prayer. Available this year will be three Lenten Helps: the usual Fellowship of prayer for adults the Lenten Devotions for Young People and an interesting book of devotions for children.

MANY MAINE BUILDERS TO MAKE WOODEN SHIPS

Anticipating a far greater demand for wooden ships than is generally foreseen at present, the Maine Development Commission is rushing to completion a survey of all abandoned shipyards in the state so that the data will be available to the navy and private interests "at the earliest possible moment."

Everett F. Gration, Commission executive secretary, pointed out that mills throughout the country cannot keep up with the demand for materials for steel constructed ships and that "inevitably the country must turn to wooden construction, particularly for smaller craft."

NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the Town Budget Committee at the Selectmen's Office, Saturday, Feb. 22, at 1:30 p. m.

Committee: Ernest F. Bisbee, John H. Howe, Carroll E. Abbott, Bert Brown, F. E. Russell, Hugh D. Thurston, Guy Bartlett, Robert D. Hastings, Fritz J. Tyler, Harry N. Head, Fred F. Bean, D. Grover Brooks.

MISS MARIA ROBERTSON 98 YESTERDAY

Miss Maria Robertson entertained many friends yesterday, who called at her home on the occasion of her 98th birthday. She was also remembered by many others who sent gifts and cards.

The gifts included two birthday cakes, made by Mrs. Mabel Robertson and Mrs. Wallace Coolidge.

BETHEL AND VICINITY

Loton Hutchinson is working in the A. & P. store.

Richard Ireland and William Naimey have the mumps.

Fred B. Merrill and Harry E. Mason were in Portland Wednesday.

Miss Isabel Kimball spent the week end at her home at East Bethel.

Mrs. Paul C. Thurston and Mrs. Daniel Wight are spending several weeks in Florida.

Mrs. Ada Tyler is spending a few weeks with Mrs. Arvilla Wilson at Northwest Bethel.

Wallace Clark is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Williams, and family at Woburn, Mass.

Kenneth Wight has been at the St. Louis hospital, Berlin, N. H. the past few days for observation.

Miss Mary Sanborn of South Portland spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Sanborn.

Miss Virginia Wolcott, teacher of the fifth grade, has been ill and Mrs. Floribel Haines substituted for her.

Miss Barbara Lyon and Miss Miriam Tash of Portland were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Lyon.

Miss Elizabeth Lyon was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Warren Bean, at Auburn, several days the first of the week.

William Wight, Miss Kathleen Wight and Steve Gross of Hartford, Conn., spent the week-end with Mrs. Lena Wight.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bradford of South Portland were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Sanborn.

Mr. and Mrs. Earle Palmer spent the week-end in Portland where they attended Ladies' Night of the United Commercial Travelers at the Columbia hotel.

Friends of Mrs. Hollis Abbott, formerly of Upton are sorry to learn that she fell and broke her hip last Friday, and is in serious condition in the Sherbrooke Protestant Hospital.

Those attending the group meeting of the Odd Fellows at West Paris Wednesday evening were Owen D. Merritt, Arthur Brinck, Harold Chamberlain, Harry Sawin, Carl Brown, Chester Wheeler, Wesley Wheeler, Edwin Brown, Donald Brown, Charles Freeman, Carl Larson and Arthur Gibbs.

Mrs. Philip Chapman gave a Valentine dinner and bridge party at her home Saturday evening. The prizes for high score were won by Mrs. Ralph Young and Lucion Littlehale. Mrs. Littlehale and Percy Flint received the consolation prizes. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Percy Flint, Mr. and Mrs. Lucion Littlehale, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Young and Mr. and Mrs. Chapman.

Patsy O'Brien gave a whist party at her home Saturday evening with three tables in play. The prizes for high score were won by Barbara Browne and Gilbert LeClair. The consolation prizes went to Peggy Hanson and Jimmy Browne. Those present were Priscilla Carver, Barbara Browne, Peggy Hanson, Alice Pierce, Carolyn Bryant, Gilbert LeClair, Richard Bryant, Jimmy Browne, Billy Robertson, Buster Robertson, Billy O'Brien and the hostess.

Bethel Election Interests Few

TOWN ACCOUNTS SHOW GOOD BALANCE AT END OF THE YEAR

Up to this afternoon the only local citizens taking steps to have their names printed on the ballot next week were those seeking reelection. With two days to go before this pre-election activity closes, this indicates little interest, but there is still time for last minute contestants to get the required number of names on their papers.

The balance sheet of the town for the year ending Dec. 31 shows no overdrafts in the 27 accounts listed, and a total unexpended balance of \$1,464.84. The comparative balance sheet as prepared by the auditor is printed on page 7.

The annual reports of the town officers will be distributed the first of next week.

GOULD ACADEMY HERALD EDITORIAL BOARD CHOSEN

Members of the Academy Herald Editorial board have been announced as follows:

Editor—James MacKenzie
Business Manager—Romeo Baker.
Assistant Managers—Erik Brown, Edward Bean, Robert Golderman.

Art Editor—Hartwell Blanchard.
Senior Personals—Marion Wight, Lucia Packard, Natalie Foster June Chipman.

Commencement, 1940—Amy Bennett.

Class Will, 1941—Fern Lane.

Junior Notes—Elizabeth Gorman.

Sophomore Notes—Louisa Bacon.

Freshmen Notes—David Hawkins.

Alumni Notes—Irving Brown.

School Notes—Herbertina Norton.

Gehring Home—Jeanne Hall.

Holden Hall—Elmer Runyon.

Girl Reserves—Muriel Bean.

Camera Club—Rosalie George.

Public Speaking—Priscilla Abbott.

Music—Leslie Wight.

Home Economics—Dorothy Fish.

Manual Training—William Fillebrown.

Commercial—Rachel Gordon.

Football—Robert Clement.

Track—Bernard Bartlett.

Winter Sports—Fremont Ireland.

Baseball—Glendon McAlister.

Girls' Athletics—Lillian Leighton.

Field House—Wilbur Bull.

ALMOST 100 LIVES LOST DAILY IN U. S. AUTO ACCIDENTS

No single catastrophe in the United States last year approached the daily average of almost 100 lives lost in automobile accidents, according to a new booklet entitled "Here Today" just issued by The Travelers Insurance Company. The booklet is the eleventh in a series issued annually and presents a comprehensive analysis of the facts about accidents in which 35,000 persons were killed and more than 1,300,000 others were injured in 1940.

The number injured in traffic on an average day exceeded the total casualties of the six major disasters of 1940 combined. "If fatalities make news," the booklet points out, "then the nations traffic death toll is the banner headline story 365 days of every year."

BASKETBALL

GOULD vs.

OXFORD H. S.

FRIDAY, FEB. 21

Games Start at 7:15

Wm. Diaghram Gym. Adm. 25c

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

To Carl L. Brown, a Citizen of the Town of Bethel in Oxford County.

GREETINGS—In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Bethel qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet in Odeon Hall, in said Town of Bethel on Monday, the third day of March, at 8 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose by ballots the following Town officers for the ensuing year in accordance with Sections 38 to 52 inclusive of Chapter 5 of the Revised Statutes of Maine and all acts amendatory thereof and additional thereto to wit: Town Clerk, Three Selectmen, Three Assessors, Three Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, one member of School Committee for three years, Tax Collector, and Road Commissioner. The polls or ballot box for receiving ballots shall be closed at 12:30 p. m.

Art. 3. To hear and act on reports of the several town officers.

Art. 4. To establish the price the Selectmen, the Assessors, the Overseers of the Poor, shall receive for their services.

Art. 5. To establish the price the Road Commissioner shall receive for his services.

Art. 6. To establish the price to be paid for collecting taxes, for the ensuing year.

Art. 7. To choose all other necessary Town Officers.

Art. 8. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for support of Common Schools, for the year 1941.

Art. 9. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Secondary Schools, for the year 1941.

Art. 10. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Textbooks, for the year 1941.

Art. 11. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for School Supplies, for the year 1941.

Art. 12. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for repairs on schoolhouses, for the year 1941.

Art. 13. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for insurance on schoolhouses, for the year 1941.

Art. 14. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for services of a School Physician.

Art. 15. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for salary of School Superintendent.

Art. 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$61.00 for public health work in Bethel, said sum to be expended by the State Bureau of Health for local service.

Art. 17. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for repair of Roads and Bridges, for the year 1941.

Art. 18. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Winter Roads, for the year 1941.

Art. 19. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Tarvia for Village Streets.

Art. 20. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for State Aid road construction (in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges) under the provisions of Section 19, Chapter 28, Revised Statutes of 1930, or under the provisions of Section 3, Chapter 229, Public Laws of 1937.

Art. 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,112.70, said amount being the Town's share of the joint expense for maintenance on State and State Aid Highways as provided by Chapter 28, Section 9, and Section 18 of the Revised Statutes of 1930, as amended by Chapter 149 P. L. 1935.

Art. 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1287.00 to entitle the Town to Third Class Highway funds as provided in Sections 44 and 46, Chapter 28, Revised Statutes 1930 as amended by Sections 4 and 5 of Chapter 229 Public Laws 1937.

Art. 23. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to continue a W. P. A. Project.

Art. 24. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to repair the road on the Northwest Bethel side of the river between Riverside Cemetery and the farm of Charles Valentine.

Art. 25. To see if the Town will vote to lay a sewer from Everett Merrill's house to Mill Brook and raise money for same.

Art. 26. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for maintenance of sewers for the year 1941.

Art. 27. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for support of poor, for the year 1941.

Art. 28. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Officers' bills, for the year 1941.

Art. 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$179.18 to take care of abatements as made by the Assessors.

Art. 30. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Memorial Day observance, said money to be expended by Col. C. S. Edwards Camp, Sons of Veterans.

Art. 31. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to be expended to assist in the maintenance of the Bethel Band.

EAST STONEHAM

Mrs. Mildred Bartlett and Helen Grover served on the supper committee Thursday night. After the supper council meeting met in church vestry. Representatives from all the other churches in the Greater Parish were present.

Doris Files worked at Lake Side Inn over the week-end.

Donald Files, who works in Boston, was home for a few days, arriving Sunday and returning Tuesday.

Daisy Bryant is working for Mrs. Georgia McAllister.

Fred Warren has bought another pair of horses and Herbert Dandum is working for him as teamster.

There was a big crowd at the reception Saturday night at K. of P. hall, which was given in honor of the newly married couple, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pratt.

SOUTH ALBANY

Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Grover called at Roy Wardwell's Sunday. Leon L. Kimball was a Sunday caller at Preston Flints.

David McAllister Jr., Fred McAllister, Leon and Ivan Kimball were in Norway Saturday.

Cecil Kimball from Lockes Mills was a guest of his sister, Hazel Wardwell last Wednesday.

The many friends of Lilla Stearns are pleased to know she is gaining from a recent operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wardwell spent the week-end at Bryants Pond. There was a cattle buyer through this section last week.

A party from this place went ice fishing Saturday on Spec Pond; came home with no fish.

Clara Whitman was a guest of her friend Alice Wardwell one day recently.

SONGO POND

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Grindle were in Locke Mills Sunday and called on Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith and Mrs. Ethel Sessions.

Wallace Brown helped Roger Clough cut ice one day recently and they are putting their ice in together.

Mrs. Florence Brown has been ill a few days with pleurisy.

Mrs. Dora Winslow and son Denos and Miss Jean Bryant of Swillington were callers at Wallace Brown's, Monday evening.

Mrs. Maud Kimball is much better and able to be around and help with the house work.

Arthur Kimball is trucking rough pulp to Rumford. Clarence McAllister is helping him.

Charles Bryant and son George of Skillington was at Wallace Brown's Saturday.

CENTER LOVELL

L. L. Stearns is confined to the bed, and is being cared for by a trained nurse.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Holt from Fryeburg were Sunday guests at their daughter's, Mrs. Warren Cannells.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawson have been visiting her sister, Mrs. Helen Coe. Mr. Lawson returned to his home in Egypt, Mass. the last of the week, leaving Mrs. Lawson for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Eastman were dinner guests at her mother's, Mrs. Allen's at No. Bridgton, Tuesday.

Mrs. Will Grover has been quite sick and has a trained nurse. Her daughter, Mary Davis and son, from Jackson, N. H. have also been with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Morton entertained her relatives from Baldwin, Sunday.

Weeman McAllister was a recent visitor at his brother's, Dell McAllister's at Farnsworth, N. H.

Ralph McAllister, M. R. Wilkinson, John Fox, and Stanley Milliken were in Boston to the Sportsman Show, for a few days.

Paul Morton has exchanged his delivery truck for a new Dodge truck.

HUNT'S CORNER and Vicinity

Harry Spring Jr. of Canton, Mass. was an over night guest of his parents Sunday.

Dr. Hubbard visited at Stone's last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Stearns visited his mother at the Maine General hospital Sunday. She is recovering from a recent surgical operation.

Mrs. Lottie Palmer and Mrs. John Palmer were callers at Olive Little's Tuesday.

A play, "Lincoln's Best Friend" was given by the pupils of the Clark school Feb. 12.

Mrs. Whitman read The Perfect Tribute. Each child told or read something interesting about Lincoln.

Friday afternoon, Feb. 14, was observed with Valentines and refreshments in the afternoon.

ELECTROL

The Oil Burner that means economy, with service behind it. Let us quote installed prices.

Heating and Plumbing
Also Mill Work as Usual

H. ALTON BACON
BRYANT POND, MAINE

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THE TRUE FAMILY LAXATIVE
is largely due to one family telling another about its value as an aid in relieving constipation. For old and young. Agreeable to take. Use as directed on label. Successfully used for over 90 years. Ask for it at your druggist.

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JOHN H. HOWE
CARROLL E. ABBOTT
Selectmen of Bethel

STRAIGHT FROM THE SHOULDER NEWS ★ OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL ★

HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONS

To lime your house plants, save all egg shells. Keep the shells in a jar of cold water and use the water on the plants.

If curtains are dry before being starched they will keep clean longer.

Hot pans should never be set on porcelain surfaces as the heat cracks the porcelain.

To remove grease marks from book pages: Sponge with benzene, then place pages between blotting paper and press with hot iron.

Milk scorches easily, so heat it in a double boiler or warm it over low heat in a pan set on an asbestos mat. To help keep the milk from sticking to the sides, rinse the pan in cold water before heating.

When plates or dishes are burned after baking they can be easily cleaned by rubbing them with a cloth dipped in salt.

Turn the handles of pots and pans on the stove out of reach of small children.

Radio Highlights

1. "CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT"
Juvenile Aviation Serial
Monday thru Friday
WAAB Boston 6 P. M.
Colonial Network 5:45 P. M.

2. U. S. Department of
Agriculture Talks
Monday thru Saturday
12:15—12:30 Noon

3. "THE
MUSICAL STEELMAKERS"
All-Employee
VARIETY PROGRAM
Sundays
5:00—5:30 P. M.

Keep Tuned In To
Your
COLONIAL NETWORK
STATION

Star Gazers
No one sees what is before his feet: we all gaze at the stars.—Cicero.

IN
New York City
ROOMS WITH BATH
single from \$2
double from \$3
Rooms with running water.
Single from \$1.50 • Double from \$2.50 • Special weekly rates
Two air-conditioned restaurants
Anthony A. Key, Manager
HOTEL Woodstock
121 WEST 43rd ST.
at Times Square

Reciprocal Trade Plans Have Role in 'Next Peace'

Hull May Have Answer to Totalitarianism;
British Farming Program Greatly
Changed by War Demands.



By BAUKHAGE
National Farm and Home Hour Commentator.

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WASHINGTON.—There is a peace-machine in Washington, all oiled and ready to start the moment the last gun is silenced in Europe. From it may come a plan which the democracies can offer the world as an alternative to the totalitarian way of life.

This peace-machine is not new, but it has never been given a fair trial. Cordell Hull has the patent.

It may never be allowed to function, but it is a cheering thing, to know that it is there.

It is simply reciprocal trade agreement machinery which Secretary Hull is insisting shall be kept as nearly intact as possible, ready to be put into operation the moment the tanks are moved out of the way. For Mr. Hull believes firmly that out of all the uncertainties which surround this uncertain world, when the war is over one thing is going to happen: Either the system of free intercourse among nations is going to exist in the world, or the totalitarian system will dominate.

Changing Viewpoint.

More and more, people are coming to feel that there cannot be a world economically half-slave and half-free. Unless all nations can be united under a system of mutually profitable trade, totalitarian methods will be forced upon all nations and it is axiomatic that when a government begins to create artificial restraints in the field of business, gradually you will be forced to curtail political and social freedom, too.

The Nazis know their system is not the best system, though they don't admit it to the people. Germany's great economist, Hjalmar Schacht, admitted as much before the war. The system of free enterprise, he said, was the best system, but Germany, because of her "emergency" had to adopt its own system. He did not say that this emergency was created because Hitler, in order to carry out his theory of domination, had to spend the nation's wealth, its goods and its labor, on a huge unproductive armament industry. Of course, lack of free trade intercourse before Hitler's advent had helped to impoverish Germany.

Hull's Theory.

Secretary Hull believes that the roots of war grow in the soil of evil economic conditions, that war cannot be prevented unless nations indulge in mutually profitable trade.

He says that today, as he has always said it, although his reciprocal trade agreement program has been burned to ashes in the flames of war. But he is keeping his machinery oiled and is ready to start it again if he gets the chance. It may well be the foundation-stone of the peace to come, if his policies are permitted to dominate that peace.

The story of Mr. Hull's battle for his beliefs is a fascinating one. It was the result of a lifetime of study. Because of his knowledge of eco-

nomics, which has astounded foreign statesmen with whom he has come in contact, he was chosen for the post he holds. His first effort and his first failure took place when the London economic conference, called shortly after he came into office, broke down. He took that defeat in his stride, eliminated from the government Raymond Moley who opposed him at the conference and packed his bag for South America. The result was the first reciprocal trade treaties with our southern sister nations. Slowly he built on until finally came the agreement with Great Britain, taking in a huge area of the English-speaking world. Then, just as he was winning supporters to his cause, war came and the structure was smashed. But it did not smash the faith of Cordell Hull, and it is on this faith that he is building the hope for a better world to come, a faith and a hope that is refreshing amidst the gloom of the pessimists who refuse to see any light beyond the battle clouds that today cloak all the far horizons.

British Farm Program Undergoes Changes

"Farming as usual" in Great Britain.

We think of the British Isles these days as one great fortress, a tangle of barbed wire, of trenches, tank-traps and pill-boxes. As a matter of fact, it is still a place where there is seed-time and harvest, where fields are tilled and cattle are fed. For the farmer in those beleaguered islands, is as important as the soldier.

However, while I was informed by a man who has been in England since the war started that air-raids had not affected agriculture at all, there are some exceptions to be noted. And the war has to some degree changed the farmer's program. In normal times the crowded is-

lands depend largely on other lands for their food. Now the rich meat and dairy products of Scandinavia are cut off, there are not enough ships to spare from the war supply trade to permit much shipment of foodstuffs. But since wheat is vital, animals must give place to grain.

As a result, millions of acres of grassland in Britain are being turned into wheatfields. In normal times, live stock was the chief agricultural product, but, according to recent reports to the department of agriculture, Britain is fast becoming a wheat-growing nation. As the "Wiltshire farmer," whom I quoted recently in these columns, said, "farming goes on much as usual except that the harvests are heavier and the city youths are called in to help in the fields, replacing the men of military age who have been called to the colors. And meat is scarce."

Of course, air raids have affected the farmer little because the attacks are concentrated on cities and factories. Live-stock losses, according to a recent report to the foreign relations division of the department of agriculture, have been less than were expected. Sheep and cattle, because they have a tendency to herd, have been killed in greatest numbers. Horses and hogs, being greater individualists, have suffered least. Cattle in barns are safest.

Canada's Wheat Problem.

Meanwhile inability to ship her wheat to the mother country is providing a serious problem for the Canadian farmer. By the time this reaches print, the Ottawa government may have provided an arrangement for paying farmers for storing surplus wheat such as we have in this country. Temporary storehouses are being used and church basements in some cases have been used. Government fees for storage may soon take the place of church suppers for raising funds, and already basements and church parlors are being converted into temporary granaries. The Canadian government is contemplating the erection of four 50,000,000-bushel terminals.

Under normal conditions, if the British used their grazing lands for wheat raising, it is said the islands could probably become self-sufficient as far as breadstuffs are concerned, and there is some talk of pursuing such a policy in Britain after the war. But no one can tell what policies any country will follow when the world has finally struggled back to peace. But for the British and Scotch farmer, the transition is not difficult for he has been accustomed to alternating plowed land and meadow in the past.

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Histories make men wise; poets, witty; the mathematics, subtle; natural philosophy, deep; morals, grave; logic and rhetoric, able to contend.—Bacon.

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The Third Round



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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

A Non-Partisan Editorial Review of the Events of Each Week, Illustrated

EDITOR'S NOTE—When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of the news analyst, and not necessarily of this newspaper.

WANTED:

Tools—Not Men

Great Britain can "finish the job" (of defeating the dictators) if the United States will maintain a supply of the necessary "tools," said Winston Churchill, British prime minister, in a world-wide radio broadcast. He expressed the opinion that American troops would not be needed to insure a victory over the Axis powers.

"But we do need most urgently an immense and continuous supply of war materials . . . and we need to bring them here," continued the British statesman. Then he warned of Hitler's effort to prey upon shipping and coupled this with another warning that the long-predicted German invasion of the British Isles might be near.

He spoke of the war soon entering "upon a phase of greater violence," and stressed the possibility of a Nazi thrust in the Balkans.

The British victories in Africa and the shelling of the Italian port of Genoa by the British fleet came in for their share of praise in the prime minister's remarks.

RUMANIAN:

Break

Day after Churchill's address came word from Bucharest that the British minister there had informed Rumanian Premier Ion Antonescu that Great Britain was breaking diplomatic relations with that country. Britain has been threatening to do this ever since last fall, when Rumania allowed hundreds of thousands of German troops to enter the country. This is usually the last step before an outright declaration of war.

LEND:

Spend and Send

The rhyning trio of words describing the British Aid bill, lend, spend, send, reached their first climax when the house passed the measure with a majority of 95 votes.



All London, 1936 G. O. P. Presidential nominee, is pictured as he told members of the Senate Foreign Relations committee they should do nothing that would "trick" this nation into war. In general his testimony favored aid to Britain, but opposed the present Lend Lease bill.

and after several amendments, most of them with administration approval, had been placed in the measure.

There was, after all, little curtainment of the President's "all-out" powers in the final form of the measure as the house passed it.

A ceiling of \$1,500,000,000 was placed above the bill, but it was made plain that if this is not enough, all congress need do is raise the ceiling.

The time limit placed on the bill ostensibly was two years, but as a

matter of fact, it carried on to 1946, through a provision that contracts made on or before July, 1943, could be carried on, but not after July, 1946.

The President is ordered to keep records of what is lent, spent and sent in the way of aid to warring democracies, particularly, Britain, and must report each 90 days, but there is a special provision that the President may withhold details provided he thinks it in the best public interest to do so.

The Gallup poll found 54 per cent of the people in favor of the bill, 15 per cent in favor with reservations largely covered by the amendments, 22 per cent only, positively against it.

In general, the bill went to the senate little changed from its original ideas but with certain safeguards which the congress felt public clamor demanded. That these safeguards did not hamstring the measure seemed quite positive.

SENATE:

Warming Up

Many were the signs that the eventual action in the senate will be far more exciting than the brief passage-at-arms which took place in the lower house.

Just as Lindbergh had been the chief anti-administration testifier before the house committee, so he was before the senate foreign relations group.

Yet his statement before the latter seemed much better prepared, much more restrained, better thought out than his previous two expositions of his premise that "Britain can't win, therefore America shouldn't stick her neck out."

He much more flatly denied pro-German leanings, said he was frankly hopeful that Britain would win, but positively stated his belief that this could not happen.

Lindbergh was surrounded by a cheering throng of admirers in the senate committee chamber, so much so that on one occasion the hall was cleared. Yet the senators did not heckle or question him so closely or bitterly as had the house members. In fact, pro-administration members seemed to hinge their objections to the fier's testimony on one fact:

His premise that Britain could not win was badly taken. Therefore, they said, his entire argument fell to the floor.

Meantime, as a sidelight to the main controversy there was an increasingly bitter passage-at-arms between Secretary of War Stimson and Isolationist Wheeler of Montana. One reason for the prediction that the senate fight would be hotter than that in the house was the fact that in Wheeler and Johnson of California the senate had two outstanding anti-intervention leaders, who could be counted on for fireworks.

Wheeler did not disappoint. His statement that America did not have one single modern combat plane, and that only a few of our obsolete planes could be modernized brought fire from Stimson, who called Wheeler's attack on the air force unfair.

Then Al Williams, noted ex-navy fier and speed king, took up where Wheeler left off, called our air power a "myth" and drew fire from the committee membership.

There was little doubt in administration circles that the bill would pass senate as well as house, and create in this nation a huge arsenal for Britain. But indications were that there would be a bitter fight before all was over.

FRANCE:

At Crossroads

Most sensational crisis of recent months confronted France, with Laval the big issue.

The crisis was brought to a head when Germany, after Laval's ouster from the Petain Vichy regime, demanded his return to power as a

price for continued German-French collaboration.

What the German ultimatum was had not been published, but it obviously included a virtual abdication of Petain from power, with Laval to be given practically dictatorial powers, with Petain in a puppet position of authority.

To this Petain evidently had countered with a proposition which retained him as chief of state, with Laval in charge of domestic problems and Admiral Darlan in charge of the French navy and foreign affairs.

The issue, at least to most observers, was a renewal of Germany's anxiety to get hold of two things—the French fleet, and a base for naval and air operations in Africa from which to bolster Mussolini's beaten legions.

Darlan and Petain took a firm stand that neither of these German objectives would be granted, not in answer to German demands, but in press statements and in messages to Admiral Leahy, American ambassador who had just arrived on the Vichy scene.

The issue became critical when Laval summarily refused to accept the posts offered him, flatly throw-



PIERRE LAVAL
"The Big Issue"

ing down the gauntlet, and as Laval was extensively backed up to the full by the German reich, it became a simple question of whether French-German collaboration would end, and that Free France would be on the spot, or whether the fleet and the African base would be surrendered as a sad aftermath of unsuccessful war with Germany.

None knew what the outcome would be, but it seemed certain that if France agreed to surrender the fleet, or made a move to do so, it

would be the signal for further outbreaks of British naval action against the war vessels of her erstwhile war-partner.

What would happen should Petain stand firm, not even the wildest speculation could reveal.

DEFENSE:

Program on Spot

The lend-lease bill fight served to place in bold relief public criticism of the progress of the general defense program. In some states cantonnement construction at army camps was so far behind that National Guard regiments, called out for national service, were forced to start their year of training in their home cities, for lack of facilities to house them.

While senators and other witnesses in Washington were castigating the war department for the lack of proper defense equipment, William S. Knudsen and his defense construction staff were going ahead and publishing occasional figures showing what plane production was accomplishing.

In January, for instance, 296 war planes, many of them trainers, were built and delivered, and it was revealed that this was more than had been completed in a whole year of ordinary production.

Yet, as soon as such figures were released, they formed fodder for new attacks, as it was pointed out that most of this production was being sent to Britain.

There was no sign of a diminution of labor trouble, with strikes bursting forth or threatening as fast as the NLRB and other conciliation forces of the government got one quelled.

Latest to threaten was a strike of 750,000 workers on the nation's Class 1 railroads, who were preparing to vote on a demand by 14 brotherhood organizations for vacations with pay.

In the meantime, plant construction was speedily going ahead all over the country, a \$300,000,000 contract for merchant marine shipping was given out, and Knudsen reported that he saw signs of an extremely rapid increase in the output of planes in the near future.

ITALIAN:

Armies Whipped

A most definite and complete defeat had been handed to the Italian armies in Libya, completing one of the most dramatic phases of the European war and writing a strange page in modern history.

For only a few short months ago Winston Churchill had told the house

Congress 'Ghost'



Margaret Russell, pamphleteer, is shown in death's-head mask and black shroud as members of the House of Representatives saw her when she electrified the Lend-Lease bill hearing by suddenly appearing thus and screaming in the house gallery. Interviewed later, she said: "I wanted to dramatize for the women of this country that death will be the victor."

of commons that they need not expect anything in Africa but a British delaying action. He said:

"Our forces there are outnumbered from five to ten to one. We must expect discouraging reports from all the African fronts."

Sure enough, the Italians moved ahead into Egypt, they threatened the Suez canal, the British fell back to Marsa Matruh, and all looked quite as black as Churchill had painted it.

Suddenly, for a never-to-be-explained reason, the Italian advances stopped, and were not resumed.

Just as suddenly General Wavell ordered a "test-tube" attack to try out the strength of Italy's position. An advance was started which still was sweeping all before it, with every important town in Cyrenaica captured, the armies of Graziani shattered and in full flight, and the British moving rapidly in on Tripoli.

Four hundred and fifty miles of Mediterranean coastline was in British hands, and if the Reich wanted to send aid to Italy, it would have to be through a French base—at least that was the conclusion drawn from the Franco-German crisis.

This was not the entire extent of the British victory, however, for in Eritrea the Italians were taking a terrific pounding, not only from the British but from disgruntled natives, and in Ethiopia Haile Selassie had returned, and with help from Somalis and his own rejuvenated army, and with the British standing by with planes, was making a strong effort to recapture his kingdom, taken from him at enormous cost by Italy only a few years ago.

The British effort to knock Italy out of the war appeared to be progressing swimmingly.

PLANES:

Fly—and Crash

Wendell Willkie was brought 3,120 miles over ocean waves in a Clipper plane making its first commercial flight without incident, flying from Africa to Trinidad.

Yet an army bomber, carrying eight men, flew head first into a mountainside, killing the entire crew. Pursuit ships collided in mid-air, with fatal results. Two Canadian bombers landed right on top of each other, also with fatalities. (Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

HIGHLIGHTS . . . in the news

Moscow—Russians have branded as "hysteria" a story said to have emanated from Mexico that the Soviets are planning to invade Alaska.

The story was that when Britain is knocked out of the war, Russia and the Axis will collaborate in attacks on North and South America, the Soviets going after Alaska and the Axis after South America and Central America.

Stockholm—The Nazis are reported to have grabbed 10 torpedo boats, a considerable portion of the Danish fleet. The Danes, according to dispatches, admitted the fact, and said the handing over of the vessels took place after a strong protest. It was believed part of German preparations for an attempted invasion of Britain.

Athens—Green forces, advancing behind heavy artillery barrages, were said to be closing in on strategic Tepelini in Albania. The advance was said to be restricted by unfavorable weather.

Vichy—A broadcast report that Petain and Darlan had fled from Free France to Africa proved false.

British and French sources traced the story to the German Transocean News Service.

Hollywood—Hedy Lamarr, a native of Vienna, wants her screen name made her legal name. She was christened Hedwige Eva Maria Kiesler, and was born Nov. 9, 1914.

London—Air raid shelters, causing large numbers of people to congregate underground, with permanent warm temperatures prevailing had attracted mosquitoes even in winter. A dispatch told how the mosquito invasion was finally quelled.

Seattle—A lively feminine conscience was found in traffic court. Fined, Mrs. Norma McElroy said: "I can pay the fine, but my husband gave me the money for groceries. I'd rather go to jail than cheat him." She started off to jail but the magistrate released her.

St. Paul, Minn.—Ever catch a stizotodon vitreum? Minnesota soon will vote on a law to classify all fish under their biological names. This S. V. fish, frinstance, is just a plain old wall-eyed pike.

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GREENWOOD CITY

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Smith of Vermont were Sunday callers at Roy Morgan's.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Holden of Peru spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Millett.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Morgan and Mr. and Mrs. John Knights were Sunday guests of Robert Morgan and family.

Pupils with 100% in spelling last week were Artland Rogers, grade VIII; Lillian Miettinen and Alfred Saarinen, grade VII; Earl Rogers and Erwin Hayes, grade VI; Wallace Morgan, grade VII; Nancy Johnson and Ardell Hayes, grade V; Owen Morgan, grade IV.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Morgan and Robert Morgan were in Portland on Saturday.

Florence Lowe and Helen Tandler are enjoying a week's vacation from their studies at West Paris High School.

The teacher and pupils enjoyed a Valentine box and party at the school house on Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Morgan and Frank Curtis spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Curtis at Mechanic Falls.

MILTON

Mrs. Addie Lapham passed away at her home Friday. Born in Woodstock Sept. 20, 1851, she was the daughter of Emory S. and Hannah J. Buck Swan. She was twice married. Her first husband was Jefferson Jackson and to them four children were born, all of whom are deceased, except a son, Juvenia, with whom she made her home. Her second husband, Francis Lapham, died several years ago. She was a member of Franklin Grange, Evergreen Temple, Pythian Sisters.

There are surviving five grandchildren, Mrs. Lester Hathaway of Woodstock, Lawrence, Philip and Carleton Clifford of Rumford and Charles Clifford of Woodstock, of whom she was a mother as well as grandmother. There are also 19 great grandchildren, three great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews to mourn her loss.

Funeral services were held at her home Sunday at 2 p. m. with Rev. Eleanor Forbes speaking words of comfort to the bereaved family. The flowers were many and beautiful. Interment at Abbott's Cemetery, Rumford.

Mrs. Ola (Billings) Miele was operated on at Rumford hospital for appendicitis last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Lord are keeping house at Mrs. Cora Millett's home.

Mrs. Basha Ackley has returned to her home from Fryeburg.

Alex Millett traded for a 1938 De Soto coupe.

WEST GREENWOOD

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carter and son were in Mechanic Falls Sunday.

Robert Deegan, Rodney and Gerald Harrington, Nancy and Earl Cummings Jr., Wilma, Solon and Paul Croteau Jr. are confined to their homes with the mumps.

Mr. and Mrs. Alden Wilson and children were in Middle Intervale Saturday evening.

SCHOOL DAYS

By DWIG



SOUTH WOODSTOCK

Last week guests at A. M. Andrews were his granddaughter Miss Muriel Titus of So. Paris, also John Titus and Mrs. Rayford of So. Paris, and Corrie Bonney at Summer.

Mrs. Ellis Davis was tendered a birthday surprise party on Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis. Cards and music were enjoyed. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Bryant and daughter, June, Mr. and Mrs. Dannie Bryant, Mr. and Mrs. J. Everett Howe, all of Bryant Pond.

The Willing Workers were most pleasantly entertained on Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. Wilma Hendrickson, assisted by her two daughters, Mrs. Alta Waterhouse and Miss Miriam Hendrickson. Sewing and mending was done. After the business meeting delicious refreshments of salads, olives, hot rolls and coffee were served. The next meeting will be held Feb. 26, when they will hold an all day meeting with Mrs. Annie Davis.

Mrs. Geneva Tuell of West Paris spent Monday with Mrs. Jessie Andrews.

Mrs. Beulah Babe of Mechanic Falls is a guest this week of her grandmother, Mrs. Angie Robbins.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Davis were Sunday visitors of her mother, Mrs. Pingree at Bridgton.

A. N. Felt is ill at his home with the flu.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Felt were Mr. and Mrs. Lester Felt of Corinth, and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Strout, of Mechanic Falls.

Clarence Cummings of Trap Corner is confined to his home by a badly swollen knee caused by a fall on the ice.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Curtis of West Paris were Saturday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan M. Andrews.

We are glad to learn that Mr. Bernald Thurlow is able to sit up and walk around her home a little each day after being confined to her bed for so many weeks, following injuries received while driving her car.

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That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford County Citizen a newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Rumford on the 25th day of February, A. D. 1941, at 10 of the clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

Abbie H. C. Finck, late of Bethel, deceased; Petition for the confirmation of First Portland National Bank of Portland, Maine, as Trustee under the Will of said deceased for the benefit of Lydia Towsley, said appointment to be without bond; presented by First Portland National Bank.

Abbie H. C. Finck, late of Bethel, deceased; Petition for the confirmation of First Portland National Bank of Portland, Maine, as Trustee under the Will of said deceased for the benefit of Katie Burke, said appointment to be without bond; presented by First Portland National Bank.

Witness, Albert J. Stearns, Judge of said Court at Paris, in vacation this 31st day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-one.

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Economic Highlights

Happenings That Affect the Dinner Pails, Dividend Checks and Tax Bills of Every Individual. National and International Problems Inseparable from Local Welfare.

Somewhere in the mind of every American citizen lurks this grim and disquieting question: "Will the United States enter the war?"

About every writer and speaker in the country has been attempting to satisfactorily answer that question for some time. You can find irresistibly logical arguments which made our entry into conflict seem inevitable as death and taxes—and you can find equally logical arguments which attempt to prove we are in small danger of being drawn in. And, as the debate rages on, a good many Americans who make no pretense to being experts find themselves sinking deeper into confusion.

The standard polls still indicate that the American people are opposed to war, even as they favor aid to England with "all steps short of war." At the same time, the American people, going by the same polls, are convinced that if England falls we may be next on Hitler's list of victims.

The standard polls still indicate theory that we cannot long keep out of war are obvious enough. We have dropped all pretense of neutrality—we are simply non-belligerents, committed to the hilt on England's side. We have damned the dictators in unequivocal terms. The leaders of both the political parties, the President and Mr. Willkie, are aggressively pro-British and anti-Nazi. And we are about to embark on a new policy which will give England and her allies our utmost moral and material support—a policy which Hitler, if he is seeking a fight with this country, could logically construe as a declaration of war in effect.

On the other side of the fence, the arguments have not been so well publicized. In a recent issue the United States summed up five principal reasons for believing that this country is not going to war.

First, says the News, the United States can aid Britain more by not fighting than by fighting. Britain, in other words, needs supplies, not men. If we entered the war it would be impossible to send men abroad, as our own under-supplied military establishments would need all our factories could produce.

Second, the U. S. can help her own defense more by staying out of the war. The arms we send England may be lost, but we won't lose men so long as we remain a non-belligerent. And we will find out if our arms and plans are adequate for modern war. England, in other words, will be proving ground for the products of our factories.

Third, through the lend-lease policy, the U. S. can exert its major effort in the war. Actually taking up arms against the Axis would not permit us to do more.

Fourth, the fact that all-aid-for-England policy apparently has the support of a nation which is so committed to maintaining peace, is construed in Administration circles as proof of the fact that its plans and actions are sound.

Fifth, according to his intimates, the President really hates war. He meant what he said during the campaign, and will do everything possible to prevent war. He believes that his policy offers the surest road to peace, and in that he is backed by large numbers of his political opponents.

All of this does not take into consideration the fact that the Axis might make war on us, thus plunging us into the conflict whether we want to fight or not. Military and political experts, for the most part, don't think that likely at this time. They point out that Hitler doesn't make a particular point of "saving face." As he has said himself, he will not be badgered into taking steps he believes dangerous. The experts argue that Hitler will not wage war against us until and unless it suits his time-table. And it is obvious that he has enough troubles on his hands now without asking for more.

Time, which heals all wounds and solves all arguments, will prove the soundness or weakness of these various contentions. In the meantime, there are many thoughtful observers who feel that we will be in war before the year ends—perhaps within six months. Joe Martin the Republican leader in the House, is said to feel that. All the people can do now is wait and see.

Removal of the "moral embargo" against shipment of airplanes to Russia was purely a diplomatic move. Russia is as air-tight a dictatorship as Germany or Italy, and has played ball with Hitler. But the British and U. S. governments still hope that Russia may yet be able weaned away from the Axis. Lifting the embargo was obviously designed to drive a wedge between Hitler and Stalin.

Fear has been expressed that Russia will buy planes here and send them to Germany. That fear is largely groundless, in that British and U. S. Army back orders will keep our factories busy indefinitely. They won't be able to take on new business.

THE LOW DOWN FROM HICKORY GROVE

Being in a quandary is our national dish. We would feel lost if there was nothing lurking around the corner—needing some superman to fix it. And when one emergency bogs down, they serve up a new one—and tell us how they will fix the new one.

Right now we got our foot in the door in Europe. That keeps us from asking where is the Utopia that is now over-due.

One hundred years ago or even 10, everybody was happy and got along pretty good—had plenty to eat and wear—and was happy. Now, nobody is happy. A carpenter, 50 years ago, got 3 dollars a day and today he gets 3 or 4 times as much and he is 3 or 4 times as unhappy.

In old Egypt they had locusts to plague 'em. We are just a jump behind Egypt—we been plagued with rackets big ones and little ones, in high places and low. And in a few years, when our grandson says, "Grandpa, tell me the story about when everybody had everything but was still unhappy and why didn't you fix it" we will feel sheepish.

Yours with the low down,
JO SERRA

ALBANY TOWN HOUSE and Vicinity

Dan and Oliver Forcier were callers at Clyde Hall's Sunday.

Linwood Andrews has been ill with flu for several days.

Earl Keniston was in Dixfield one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lapham and son Junior were in Norway Saturday afternoon.

Among those ill with mumps this week are Howard Lapham, Miss Blanche Hatstatt, Ruth and Kenneth Bumpus.

Mrs. Bertha Andrews called on her brother, Fred Hazeltine, Wednesday evening.

Week-end visitors at Fred Littlefield's were Clifford Dunham, Theo and Bud Payne from Freeport, Joe Payne and two nieces, from Norway.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Andrews visited Mrs. Merritt Kimball of South Waterford, Sunday.

ROWE HILL

E. E. Bennett of Bethel was a business caller in the neighborhood Saturday.

Rev. James McKillop of Bryant Pond was a dinner guest of Deacon E. T. Brooks recently.

Sunday callers at N. A. Bryant were Howard Records also Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Long, and son Merle.

Elizabeth Palmer has finished work at Greenwood Center.

Billy Bailey of Greenwood Center called at Ozzie Palmer's Sunday.

WEST BETHEL

100% Spelling Ranks:
Grade III—Elizabeth Davis, John Head, Ronald Kendall, Charles Smith.

Grade IV—Donald Bennett, Donald Lord Lois McInnis, Richard Rolfe.

Grade VI—Colleen Bennett, Ruth McInnis, Albert Smith.

Grade VIII—Lloyd Lowell, Barbara McKenzie.

Mrs. Iva Hutchinson substituted for Mrs. Olive Lurvey this week.

Miss Elizabeth Small entertained the pupils of the Primary grades at a skiing and sliding party Friday, after which supper was enjoyed at her home. A Valentine Box was then enjoyed with a heavy delivery for the mailman.

Mrs. Olive Lurvey gave a Valentine party on Friday evening at the schoolhouse to the children of the grammar room and invited guests.

An exchange of Valentines and games were enjoyed. Refreshments were served. Guests were Misses Betty Warren, Betty Marshall, Betty Smith, Betty Morrill, Carolyn Bryant, Barbara Brown, and Patsy O'Brien.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Abbott were Sunday and Monday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bryon Abbott at So. Portland.

Russell Burris has completed his work at Bethel and has left for Providence, R. I., where he has accepted a government secretarial position.

The Farm Bureau will sponsor another card party at the Grange Hall this Friday evening.

Farm Bureau will meet for an all day meeting Thursday at the home of Mrs. Iva Burris. The subject is "Sewing Secrets." A square meal for health will be served at noon.

Mrs. Ada Mills of Gorham, N. H. spent the week-end with her niece Mrs. Josephine Kendall and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Shaw of Hebron, were week-end guests of Joseph Perry and family.

Barbara McKenzie has been ill of the flu at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bennett.

Mrs. Bertha Jodrey entertained Marilyn and Joyce Abbott at supper Monday night in honor of the birthday of Mary Jodrey.

The West Bethel Sunday School held its first meeting of the year at the home of Mrs. Mary Abbott Sunday. Mrs. Abbott will be assisted by Mrs. Frances Bennett.

Mrs. Victor Akers of Errol, N. H. has been the guest of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Paul Head and family.

BRYANT POND

The church services and Sunday School met at the usual hour. In the evening the Mission Circle had charge of the meeting. Prayer by Mrs. Will MacKillop. Hymns sung by the audience. The Bridge of Love, by three girls. Misses Thelma MacKillop, Margaret Ham and Arlene Swan, and then the mission boxes were put on this bridge and the lighted church to represent the mission work in foreign lands.

The Daughters of Union Veterans met at the home of Mrs. Inez Whitman and daughters, Edith and Clara Tuesday evening, February 11th. There were fourteen members present. Mrs. Minnie Jordan was installed as Chaplain by Past President Mrs. Bessie Andrews. Program: Readings on Lincoln by Mrs. Mildred Dunham, Mrs. Iac Whitman, Mrs. Alice Wardwell, Mrs. Iva Farrar, Misses Edith and Clara Whitman. Reading, Organ of Valentine by Miss Velma Cummings. A Valentine Box was enjoyed by all. Penny lunch on sale.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Whitman are receiving congratulations on the birth of a ten pound son, Larry Albert, born Saturday, February 15th. Mrs. Mabel Clough is caring for mother and baby.

Phillip C. Plummer completed his duties at the Stowell Silk Spool Co., Inc. recently. His friends at the mill presented him with a Masonic ring, bill fold, and key case as a token of their esteem and a testimony of their permanent good fellowship.

Shirley Lakeway and family, who have lived in Kansas several years, have moved to Norfolk, Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl C. Dudley left on the afternoon train Tuesday. They will go to Mardi Gras at New Orleans and then will go to Lakewood, Fla., where they were last winter. They plan to be gone six weeks.

On Friday afternoon the pupils of the East Bethel school enjoyed parties and valentine boxes.

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET TOWN OF BETHEL

		Assets	
		1939	1940
Current Assets			
Cash on hand	\$ 41.61		\$ 2,229.76
Tax Deeds			
Prior to 1931	\$ 644.03		\$ 630.96
1931	913.38		900.95
1932	933.04		801.67
1933	1,068.35		692.81
1934	799.60	4,358.40	472.18
			3,498.57
Tax Liens			
1935	526.82		146.37
1936	574.88		187.88
1937	1,027.00		518.01
1938	1,556.93	3,685.43	848.48
1939			1,379.20
			3,079.94
Total Current Assets		8,085.44	8,808.27
Debt Accounts			
Unpaid Taxes Due			
L. E. Davis, Coll.	1,482.94		1,481.71
W. E. Bartlett, Coll.	11,295.28	12,778.22	11,605.67
			13,087.38
Accounts Receivable			
Snow Bills			772.36
Pauper Accounts	5,468.00		3,610.38
Fire Dept.			275.00
State Road Money	5,092.59		3,516.12
Miscellaneous	250.40	10,810.99	148.00
			8,321.86
Total Debt Accounts		23,589.21	21,409.24
Property Acquired by Tax Deeds			
Leo Bubier Property	34.35		
Morrill, Adams Property	1,488.23		
Geo. Osgood Property	442.13		
Total Property Acquired by Tax Deeds		1,964.71	
Real Estate Mortgages			
Morrill, Adams Property			2,385.22
Total Real Estate Mortgages			2,385.22
Trust Accounts			
Ministerial & School			
Fund	2,771.16		2,854.90
E. L. Bartlett Trust	507.50		522.82
Alcina Grover Trust	61.15		62.99
Fred E. Gordon Trust			505.00
Total Trust Accounts		3,339.81	3,945.71
Total Assets		\$36,979.17	\$36,548.44
Liabilities		1939	1940
Current Liabilities			
Notes Payable	\$11,100.00		\$6,800.00
Accounts Payable	132.52		116.78
Taxes Payable, State	6,199.11		6,572.12
Total Current Liabilities		17,431.63	13,488.90
Reserves			
Reserve for O. A. A.			
Payments	1,205.44		1,356.15
Reserve for Trust Funds			3,945.71
Total Reserves		1,205.44	5,301.86
Total Liabilities		\$18,637.07	\$18,790.76
Net Surplus		18,342.10	17,757.68
		\$36,979.17	\$36,548.44

EAST BETHEL

At the 63 party Saturday evening at the Grange Hall five tables were in play. Mrs. Ellen Burns and Robert Billings received first prizes and Mrs. Bernice Noyes and William Hastings consolation prize.

Mr. and Mrs. Granville Burns of Norway were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Howe.

Neighbors and friends joined together in giving Alfred Curtis a Sunshine box Sunday. Mr. Curtis remains very ill. He has been ill for four weeks with Mrs. Ruth Pettingill, R. N., of Rumford, is caring for him.

Sunday School was held at Mrs. Urban Bartlett with a good attendance. Next Sunday it will be held at Mrs. J. C. Bartlett's.

W. B. Bartlett was ill a few days last week.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Farwell was ill with bronchitis last week.

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Hoover Presents New Plans to Save Hungry in Europe

**Asks British and Germans to
Try Soup Kitchens in Bel-
gium as Military Test**

Chicago—(Special) New plans to save the inhabitants of the occupied democracies in Europe from starvation were presented by former President Hoover at a mass meeting, held in the Opera House Auditorium here last Sunday night.

In expressing his appreciation to the two thousand public bodies who have supported this movement to aid these unfortunate, and the sixty thousand who have written letters of approval, Mr. Hoover explained the purpose of the Committee was to expose to the world the facts of the food situation and to raise a voice in behalf of those tens of millions of innocent men, women, and children, now suffering from want of nourishment.

Speaking as Honorary Chairman of the Committee on Food for the Small Democracies, he made public the proposals, submitted to the British and German governments a few weeks ago, to establish Soup Kitchens in Belgium as an initial experiment to test out whether these people can be saved without military advantage to either side.

There is nothing new in this war "March of Hunger," Mr. Hoover told his audience. The consequences of great wars are always famine and pestilence. The World War of 25 years ago brought hunger to three hundred million people. In the present conflict it is coming faster and with more violence. Today nearly three hundred million people are on rations more drastic, except in Germany and Great Britain, than at the end of the third year in the last war. In this creeping famine the most immediate danger and greatest suffering is among the seventy million people in the democracies which have been overrun by the German armies.

Two weeks ago the Committee's American experts in Belgium reported that within a month the city and town population consisting of over eight million people would be without food unless supplies were brought in somewhere, somehow.

NEW PROPOSALS

In presenting the new proposals, Mr. Hoover said, "You are aware that this Committee has made proposals to the belligerent governments that completely a galvanized food control should be set up for the people on the lines of the last war. Those

proposals would have given time to organize prevention. They are the ultimate necessity. But a distracted world is slow to believe and we were reluctantly compelled to conclude that it must be confronted with ghastly reality before action could be hoped for. That ghastly reality has arrived in Belgium. Furthermore, while I do not agree to the grounds for the rejection of our previous proposals, yet if these people are to be saved, we must seek to meet those objections by proving our case in action.

Therefore a few weeks ago, we laid before the British and German Governments the following suggestions:

First: That we make an initial experiment in Belgium to test out whether these people can be saved without military advantage to either side.

Second: That this test comprise feeding only through soup kitchens, where the people come to get their food and thus there can be no question of feeding Germans.

Third: That at the beginning we provide for one million adults and two million children the adults to receive half a pound of bread and an allowance of soup, the children to receive special food in addition including preserved milk. This would require about 50,000 tons a month of which about one-half would be breadstuffs and one-half meats, fats, and food for children.

Fourth: That the German Government agree there is to be no requisition of native food.

Fifth: Both Governments to give relief on immunity from attack.

Sixth: The whole to be under the supervision and checks of some neutral body.

WEST PARIS

Mrs. Margaret Weatherby Jones, widow of Odeber Jones, died at Central Maine General hospital, Lewiston, Sunday forenoon following an illness from lobar pneumonia.

She was born in Melrose, Mass., May 27, 1878. She is survived by an adopted daughter Mrs. Elizabeth Farr and four grandchildren, Rodney Benson and Margaret, Dorothy and Avila Farr, all of West Paris. She had lived at West Paris 5 years.

Funeral services were held from the I. W. Andrews & Son funeral home, South Woodstock. Rev. Eleanor B. Forbes, pastor of the Universalist church, officiated. Entombment was at Wayside cemetery, West Paris, where burial will take place in the spring.

Rev. Eleanor B. Forbes officiated at the funeral of Mrs. Addie Lapham of Milton Sunday afternoon.

Miss Muriel Andrews of Woodstock, was the guest Friday of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Tuell.

Hartson Welch arrived home Saturday from the Soldiers hospital at Togus where he has been for several weeks and is much improved in health.

The Friendly Class enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon Thursday at the home of Rev. Eleanor B. Forbes. Mrs. Mildred Davis and Mrs. Dora Emery were hostesses. Twenty ladies were present. After the devotional meeting the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Rev. Eleanor B. Forbes; vice president, Mrs. Mildred Davis; Secretary, Mrs. Phila Mayhew; Treasurer, Mrs. Alice Gammon. Charades were acted at the social hour and a penny lunch served. The proceeds to be used for cheer and comfort in homes of illness and bereavement.

Mrs. Everett Blake and daughter Nancy of Berlin, N. H., have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Curtis.

"It is my belief that the Germans should cooperate to secure some breadstuffs from continental sources. But for meats, fats, and food for children there are no sources of supply on the Continent. That must come from overseas and that requires cooperation from the British to pass the blockade."

"If we can make this experiment work in Belgium then such a plan can be extended to the other democracies. It is primarily devoted to saving the unemployed destitute and the children."

"These Governments have this plan under consideration."

Mr. Hoover was of the opinion that the relief of these countries would not prejudice the British and could be of no gain to the Germans. The countries benefited are not seeking charity, and would defray all expenses. The amount exported from America would amount to an surplus food.

"To those who say it cannot be done," said Mr. Hoover, "the reply is simple—at least let us try it and if we fail that ends our effort."

Mrs. H. R. Tuell was a guest of Mrs. H. M. Andrews Monday. In the afternoon she accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. H. Stanley Andrews and Muriel to So. Paris.

The Bates Literary Club will meet Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. H. R. Tuell. Topic: Early Settlement, Mrs. Merle Oak, Dr. Rafe, W. Hatt, surgeon, Rev. E. B. Forbes, Business Man, Larrie M. Mann.

Schools closed Friday and the teachers went to their respective homes for vacation.

The Universalist Sunday School enjoyed a party at the church Wednesday. The sub-primary and primary children were entertained from 2 to 4 in the afternoon and the Juniors and Seniors in the evening. This was a belated Christmas party as the school was closed at Christmas on account of flu and mumps.

Mrs. Ada Barden and Mrs. Jennie Currier spent two days with Mrs. Earle R. La Bay, Portland, last week.

Mrs. Emory Ryerson, Mrs. Loren Lord, Misses Ella and Clara Berry and Mrs. S. Keniston visited Mrs. Lena Herrick at Mrs. Henry Noyes' in Woodstock, since Mrs. Herrick came from the Ste. Marie hospital in Lewiston, where she has been with a broken hip since the last of October. Mrs. Herrick is improving slowly and hopes to get onto crutches soon.

Hartson T. Welch, who has been at the Soldiers Hospital at Togus, has returned home last Saturday. His daughter, Shirley and husband went for him.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Smith have moved back into the upstairs rent in A. R. Cummings home. They have been spending a few months in a heated rent in Association Block.

Mrs. Jennie B. Dunham is spending a few weeks with her friend, Mrs. Stella Burnham at South Paris.

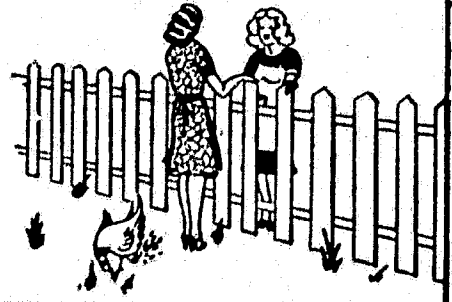
Mrs. S. T. White entertained her Sunday School class last week Wednesday evening, after a half hour lesson study they played games, refreshments of ice cream and fancy cookies were enjoyed. Those present were: Lloyd Waterhouse, Catheryn Cummings, Joyce Wagar, Marion Small and Priscilla Cole.

Ruth McKee entertained the following Fellowship group at her home last week Wednesday evening. They had class study with their teacher, Mrs. H. A. Libby, followed by games and a supper with Valentine decorations and fixings. There were about a dozen present.

The Helping Hands Class of the United Parish church met with Mrs. Charles Horton Friday, Feb. 1 for an afternoon and evening meeting with a six o'clock supper. There were about a dozen present. The evening program consisted of readings from Edgar Guest's poems and quiz games Mr. Stetson took them all home in his auto in

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BY
SUSAN THAYER



FROM SKI SAILS TO BARBED WIRE

There are sturdy work shoes for men in the 1941 catalog of a mail order house whose name has been a household word for three generations. There are overalls and blankets and cast steel coal ranges. There are wheel barrows and chicken brooders and cartridges—as there have been from the beginning.

But there are vacuum cleaners too, in this book of more than a thousand pages. There are radios, some of them costing as much as \$75.00, and ski suits for women, recommended as much for their smartness as for quality. There are as many pages of cosmetics as there are of wire fencing, which is an old staple and there are fancy holiday wrappings and sterling silver knives and forks. For a mail order catalog is an accurate reflection of the living habits of America. And America has changed.

In the good old days when these catalogs first served the people of this sprawling nation, country women paid little attention to fashion and had no time for such nonsense as cold cream and no patience with face powder. They were busy keeping their houses clean without the help of electricity... preparing all the food that their families ate, including bread in a hot coal range... and making clothes for their children if not for themselves and

their husbands. There wasn't time and often there wasn't enough money for beautiful things and amusing things.

We hear again and again that the lot of women has been radically changed by modern industry these last few years. But there is nothing like looking through a mail order catalog to realize what some of these changes are.

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Has woman's lot been changed? Has industry given her a break? Has she leisure and youth and freedom undreamed of even when her mother was young? Look through your newest mail order catalog and you'll find the answer.

a pouring rain for which they were truly grateful.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Mann started last Sunday for a months' stay in Florida.

Robert Penley is staying several weeks with his mother since his father, Fred R. Penley's death.

This is school vacation week. The rain of a week ago ruined the skating rink on Athletic Field.

The Grange is having an all day session next Sat., Feb. 22. An oyster stew and cherry pies.

NORTH WOODSTOCK

Mr. and Mrs. George Abbott visited Sunday with relatives at Rumford.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Emerson of West Sumner, visited with Mr. and Mrs. John Hemingway Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Buck visited relatives at Bath over the week-end.

Bert Lang of West Paris called on his son Durward Lang and family Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Sweetser, Beverly and Robert visited her sister, Mrs. James Knights and also called to see her father, Francis Cole Sunday.

Linwood Felt returned to his work at Greene Mrs. Felt and baby will remain with her parents for a while.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Abbott called on his mother, Mrs. Nellie Abbott Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Dudley and son were dinner guests Sunday of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Cole.

Mrs. Gerald Kennison returned to her home in Vermont after spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alphonso Brown.

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Famous 50 2 lb. can 17c

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Marshmallow Fluff 1g. cn. 18c

Mrs. Lane's Family

FLOUR 24 1/2 lb. bag 69c

CLOVER FARM

MILK 4 tall cans 28c

CLOVER FARM

CHERRIES 2 No. 2 cans 25c

CLOVER FARM

FLOUR 24 1/2 lb. sack 89c

CLOVER FARM

SHORTENING 3 lb. can 43c

RED CROSS

TOMATO JUICE 2 cans 17c

CLOVER FARM—Fancy

FRUIT COCKTAIL 2 cans 25c

CLOVER FARM

RASPBERRIES No. 2 can 27c

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BEANS 3 cans 25c

CLOVER FARM—Fancy Mixed

VEGETABLES 2 cans 25c

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Sunny Morn

COFFEE 2 lb. bag 25c

Fancy Spanish

SALTED PEANUTS 1b. 19c

IGA Fancy Alaska

RED SALMON 2 tall cans 49c

SUPERBA—Fancy

CRABMEAT No. 1/2 can 24c

Packer's Label

CRABMEAT 2 1/2 can 26c

IGA

PRUNES 3 pkgs. 29c

Jane Grey

MARSHMALLOWS 1b. 17c

Royal Guest

COFFEE 1b. pkg. 23c

Husky

DOG FOOD 5 cans 25c

Campbell's

TOMATO SOUP can 8c

OXYDOL 2 lg. pkgs. 36c

P&G SOAP 4 bars 13c

Seakist

COD FISH TABLETS 1b. 24c

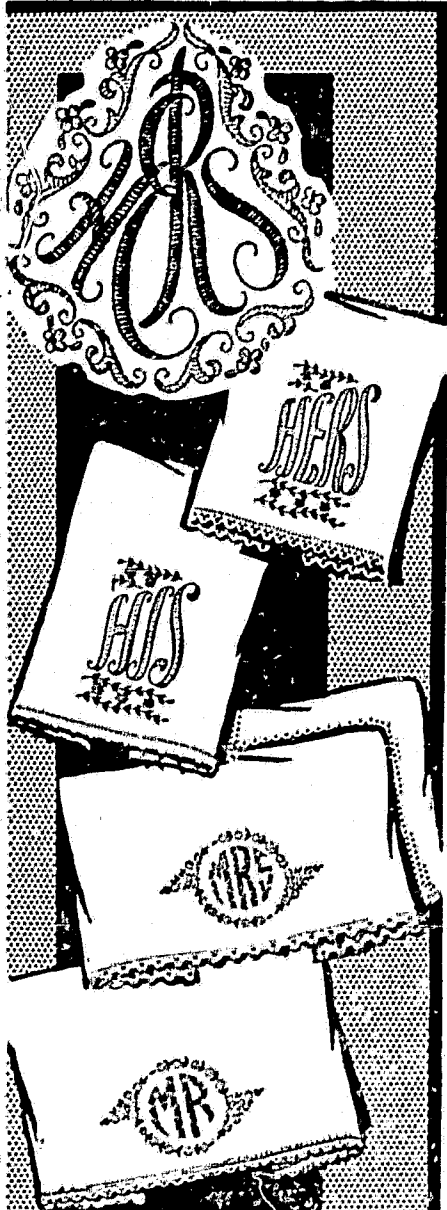
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Closing a Summer House.

WHEN closing a house for some time in cold weather, there are several precautions and preparations to be made. The following are some of them: water supply pipes should be thoroughly drained. First, shut off the water, then open all faucets. Water supply pipes should be disconnected at the point where water enters the house. Some of the pipes may still contain water, however; for there are apt to be places where a pipe sags, from which water cannot drain out. These places should have the water blown out by an air pump applied to the different faucets.

A quart or two of kerosene should be poured into each sink, washbasin, and other plumbing fixtures to fill the traps. The kerosene will not freeze, and sewer gas will be prevented from entering. Remove as much water as possible from toilet bowls with a sponge before pouring the kerosene. Siphon jet toilets have cavities containing water that cannot be removed with a sponge; these should be emptied with a syringe.

Hot water or steam systems should be drained and left empty. If there is a wet return passing under the floor, this should be disconnected, for it will not empty through the boiler drain-cock.

Empty or take away any bottles containing liquids that might freeze. Clear out all food and garbage.

Roll up your rugs with plenty of moth crystals and moth balls inside, and wrap tightly in heavy paper. Cover the furniture, and put moth crystals and balls on the seats of upholstered chairs and sofas. Blankets and woolen clothing should be put in tight chests, preferably lined with sheet metal, with plenty of moth crystals and balls. A pound or two of the crystals and balls scattered in each room on furniture and on the floor will discourage mice, chipmunks and other small animals.

Cover the top of the chimney with a box, securely fastened on, to keep out birds and small animals, and for protection against moisture.

Shutters should be tightly closed and fastened, and windows without shutters should be boarded up.

Be sure that all fires are out, not even a spark remaining.

It would seem hardly necessary to say that no pets should be left behind. Don't forget to lock all outside doors. Notify the milkman, iceman, newspaper delivery service, and local police.

Leaking Windows.

Question: My house is brick, not yet a year old. Windows are steel casements, with cast cement sills. Water leaks around windows so badly that plaster is discolored. How can this be prevented? Steel windows are rusting.

Answer: Leakage is most probably through the joint between the casement frame and the brickwork, and can be prevented with caulking compound, forced in with a caulking gun. Should the joint be covered with a wood moulding, which is likely, this should be taken off to expose the joint, and to permit the compound to be forced in. On returning the moulding to position, it should be on a bed of caulking compound, for final assurance that the joint is tight.

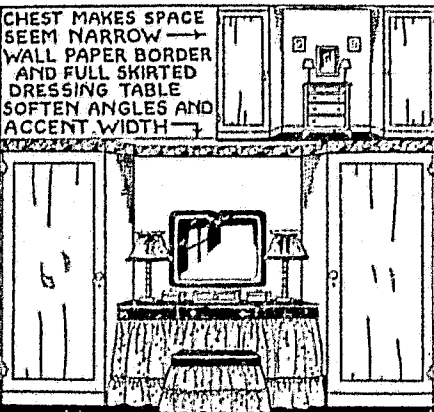
Rusty Iron Lantern.

Question: I have an old-fashioned iron lantern, which has been wired for electricity, to hang outside my porch. It has become very rusty. Please tell me what is the correct treatment to remove the rust and weatherproof the lantern?

Answer: Clean off the rust by rubbing with kerosene and steel wool. Wipe clean with benzine, being very careful of fire. Then finish with two coats of flat black paint. (Do the benzining on a cloudy day, outdoors.)

HOW to SEW

By RUTH WYETH SPEARS



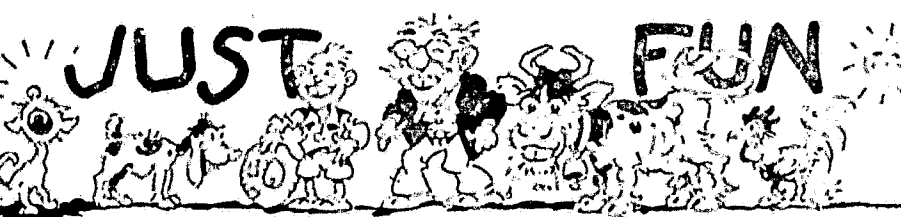
WHAT could be a greater luxury than two extra closets in your bedroom! That is exactly what a young friend of mine thought. But, when they were built in, she was painfully conscious of their angles and the room seemed much narrower. This sketch shows you how the feeling of width was restored and the angles were made to melt away.

A wallpaper border all the way around the room helped to soften down the angles of the closets, also added an exciting color note to the plain painted walls. The chest of drawers in the upper sketch was moved to another part of the

room, and the long spacious dressing table was built into the space between the closets. The top of the table and stool and the frame of the mirror were enameled porcelain blue which was one of the colors in the wallpaper border. Dotted swiss skirts were fastened on the inside of the finishing boards across the front of the table and around the stool with snap fastener tape—one side tacked to the wood and the other sewn to the skirt tops.

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Soon to Know

Sergeant—Hi, you can't go in there. Private—Why not? "Because that's the general's hut." "Then why has he got private on the door?" "Stop asking why. Do you think I'm a fool?" "I don't know yet, I only came here yesterday."

More Carefully!

He was rather small, and had been used to sleeping with a night-light in the room, but his parents had decided that he must start sleeping in the dark. When his mother put out the light, he asked, plaintively:

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Some men smoke impromptu cigarettes—the kind you pick up as you go along.

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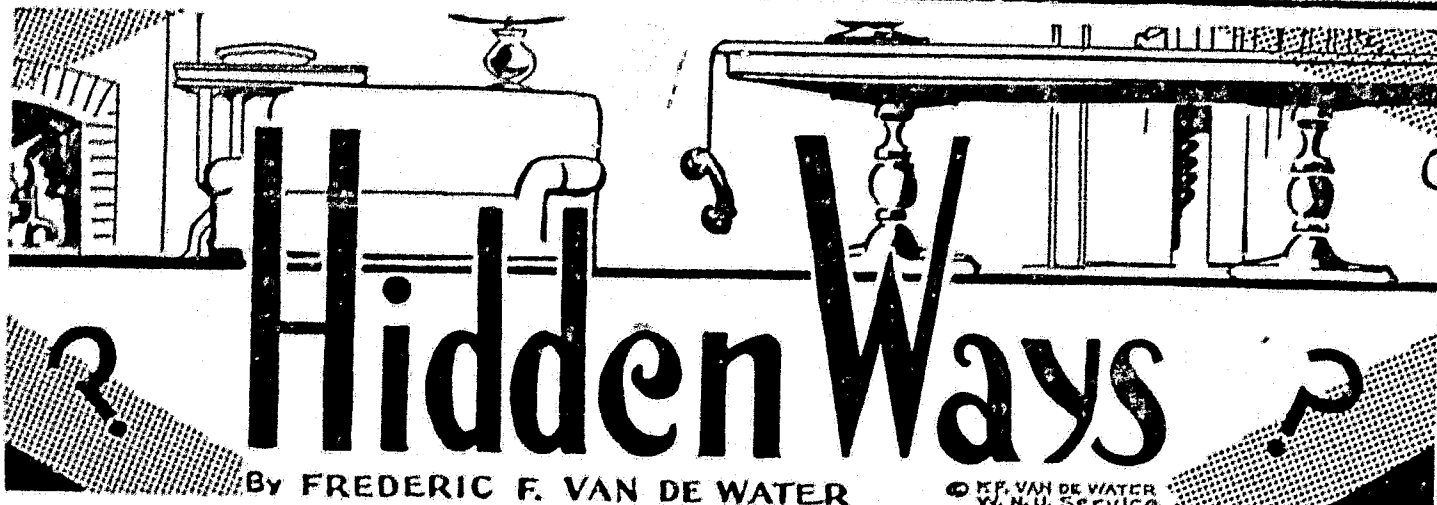
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By FREDERIC F. VAN DE WATER

CHAPTER XVII—Continued.

"Yes, I see," said Miss Agatha, with forced briskness, and threw off whatever odd abstraction had held her. "He and his neighbor look much alike. So he's the one who went with his beloved sister to the Arctic. I don't think I'm over-inhospitable in wishing they'd stayed there."

"Is she," Cochrane asked suddenly, "his 'beloved sister'?"

Miss Agatha looked at him hard before she spoke.

"I've seen no birth certificates," she replied tartly, "but there certainly is a family resemblance. And he is utterly devoted to her. If he were less so, my nephew mightn't be in jail at the moment."

"Because," Cochrane went on, "I gather from our Fairbanks man—I wish I'd brought along that dispatch—that they quarreled a good deal while they were living at Tanana Crossing."

"Pooh," said Miss Agatha, "brothers and sisters always quarrel. She was good-looking, in a region of few women, and he probably was jealous."

"Our correspondent's idea," Jerry answered, "is just the opposite. He writes that Lyon objected because she wasn't attentive enough to customers. After Horstman arrived, there was a blow-up. He and Lyon had a fight. That was just before the three of them went prospecting."

"And Horstman didn't come back," Miss Agatha thought aloud, and was silent for an instant.

"Well," she added, pulling herself together, "Lyon and Ione probably murdered him. There's nothing to compare with a murder as a solvent or maker of trouble."

Yet when Cochrane had gone, that part of his narrative seemed to irritate her. She spoke of it while Annie rolled away the tea-wagon.

"You've seen for yourself," she appealed to me, as though she needed endorsement, "there never was a more devoted brother than Lyon."

I nodded as the bell rang. Annie returned and announced Senator Groesbeck.

"Alone?" Miss Agatha asked and the waitfulness in her voice hurt me. "Then I'll see him in the living room, Annie."

The maid pushed the wheel chair down the hall. I sat at the desk and strove to set down on paper, after Miss Agatha's prescription, my own outline of the Marcello mystery. I found it hard, for each item bore innumerable streamers of surmise and suspicion. I do not know how long Allegra had been standing in the doorway when I looked up.

I rose clumsily. She was still pale but she seemed more tired now than angry. There was a drop to her shoulders and I cursed myself for feeling pitiful. She said at last:

"You make it just as hard as possible, don't you?"

A few hours earlier she had pointed out the abyss that lay between her and me. I had sworn then never to strive to rebridge it. Sense still assured me that it was best for her to remain on her side and I on mine. Hunger for her, desire to aid her were checked by memory of my recent, adolescent idiosyncrasy. It hurts to have even a silly dream kicked apart. I said:

"I beg your pardon."

"You heard me."

I made no reply. She went on, like a child reciting a lesson:

"If I've misjudged you, I'm sorry."

She might have been talking to the butler. There was no call for her to put me in my place. I was there already and had sworn not to leave it again. I said:

"That seems to me about the worst reason in the world."

Again she apparently hoped for something in my face that was not there. She muttered:

"You make it very hard."

She was just a kid after all. Which was still another reason why things should stay as they were. So I said:

"You said that before—which leaves us just where we started."

"Do you want to leave it there?" she asked directly, and I forced myself to answer:

"Why not?"

There was a stir in the hall and the sound of voices. I did not know whether I was relieved or desolate when she left. Senator Groesbeck, now sleek and pompous, passed the doorway. Miss Agatha trundled herself into the room.

"What was Allegra doing in here?" she asked.

"Apologizing," I said.

She gave me one of the looks that made me feel she was counting my vertebrae and then said, "Hah!" in an odd tone. Thereafter, her mind dwelt on other matters.

"I wish," she complained, "that I hadn't so respectable an attorney. I need a scoundrel who'll help an idiot who won't help himself."

"As bad as that?" I asked.

She nodded and lighted a cigarette.

"Grove," she said, "is being held as a material witness. He still won't talk, so they're going to take him before the grand jury presently. If he doesn't talk then, he'll be indicted."

Her brisk voice was armor that I knew, hid great distress. She brooded a minute, while I groped for words and then asked:

"Where's the typewriter?"

"You said," I told her, "that it was in the storeroom."

"Why didn't you get it?"

"Miss Agatha," I asked, "can you imagine Higgins letting me rummage through a basement storeroom without a writ of mandamus, a habeas corpus and a strong-arm squad?"

The lines of worry in her face slackened and she chuckled.

"No," she admitted. "I'm an old fool, David, but just the least bit bedeviled today. We'll go down together."

I trundled her into the hall and rang for the elevator. She said nothing till the car appeared, but the grim lines had deepened again on her face and I knew she was eating her heart out for her nephew. Hoyt took us down. I could see his ears pricked for tidings, but we did not speak. I had propelled Miss Agatha into the basement hall. A wan light burned there and the air was heavy with the familiar smell of lime and coal gas and cabbage for the Higgins' dinners, past and present. Miss Agatha dug in her handbag and chose a key from a ring.

Along one side of the basement hall was a series of iron doors, with gaps at lintel and threshold for ventilation. They guarded the cubbies that served as attics for tenants of the Marcello. It was against one of these that I had, reeled during my dark struggle with the intruder I thought, as I fumbled with the lock, how brief a space by actual measurement, yet how long ago, that had been. Perhaps if I had been less clumsy that night, I might have ended the mystery. I might have saved innocent folk much danger and distress. The smell and gloom of the basement allied themselves with

memory to tighten my nerves so that I flinched when Miss Agatha said impatiently:

"Can't you do it?"

She rolled forward to take the key. It turned as she moved and I pulled the door open before her advancing chair.

"There it is," Miss Agatha said, "over—"

Her voice died. The harsh sound of her indrawn breath set my neck prickling. The light of the ceiling bulb poured into the maw of the storeroom. It shone upon something at Miss Agatha's feet at which she stared, at which I gaped, first stupidly, then in frantic disbelief. I bent forward.

"Careful," Miss Agatha warned in a dry whisper. "Don't touch it."

CHAPTER XVIII

Wind boomed in the elevator shaft and I heard the whine and catch of a car shifting gears in the street. The rest of my mind had stalled under its sudden load. Close to my ear Miss Agatha's breath came and went quickly. So we remained for a palsied instant, watching the object on the storeroom floor.

It lay just within the ventilation space at the iron door's base—a bizarre item for a spinster's storeroom, yet, in itself, nothing to wake dread. It was a knife with a black leather handle and a worn gray blade, streaked with what might have been rust. We both knew whence it had come.

It was the knife that had hung in the sheath they had found on Blackbeard's murdered body. It had been driven into its owner's heart. It had uttered the flat sound of smitten metal when it had fallen during my struggle in the basement, to lodge inside the door of the Paget storeroom.

I bent over it again. Miss Agatha made no further protest as I picked it up by its point, swathed it loosely in my handkerchief, and rose. Her eyes met mine and asked a question. I feared to answer. I heard myself say:

"We had better go upstairs."

She nodded. I placed the handkerchief-wrapped knife in her lap and trundled her to the elevator shaft. We were silent on our upward journey. In the work-room, I picked up the muffled weapon carefully and laid it on the desk. Then I faced Miss Agatha.

It was hard to ask the question. The knife had killed; it might kill again. It was the link between the murdered and the murderer. My voice was hoarse:

"What shall we do, now?"

She blinked. Her speech was calm as her face:

"I think we had better telephone Captain Shannon."

I said:

"There may be no one's fingerprints on that knife. There may be—anybody's."

I could not speak her nephew's name, but she understood.

"Call Captain Shannon," Miss Agatha said. There was a lump in my throat as I obeyed. I spoke only briefly, asking the Homicide Bureau chief to come at once with a fingerprint man; then hung up on his further questioning. The receiver clattered as my shaking hand released it. Miss Agatha said:

"We both need a drink," and rang for Annie.

I nursed the liquor I would willingly have gulped. Miss Agatha sipped hers and at last spoke part of her thought aloud:

"This was what you heard fall, that night in the basement, but how—why—I don't see—"

Her voice ran down. I said feebly:

"Unless it is a maniac—"

Uncertainty left her. She gave a crooked smile.

"Who had designs on Higgins?" she scoffed. "David, Lyon Ferriter is no maniac. He is amazingly clever. I told you that this morning."

"But Lyon," I pointed out, "was in your flat when—"

She did not let me finish.

"I know, I know," she said. "But he did it. He killed the visitor to his flat. I object less to that, David, than to the knowledge that he is laughing at us now. I never have liked to be laughed at. It's been my legs, I suppose. Heavens, our assembled brains should be as good as his. If only we could find a flaw, a weakness."

She drank again and then went on:

"Everything radiates from Lyon Ferriter, but none of it reaches back to him."

A thought pricked me and some of the jumble of fact fell into coherent pattern.

"That's why," I blurted, "Lyon tried to kill me; that's why my room was searched. He thought I

had found that knife. His own fingerprints must be on it."

"They won't be," Miss Agatha promised grimly. We were still for a moment. Then she said:

"Day after tomorrow is Grove's birthday."

Her voice was so bare of sentiment that it was pitious. The day when Grove attained his inheritance, the day toward which, all his life, she had steered her foster son, would find him in disgrace and danger, unless—

I jumped at the telephone's ring. Could Shannon have arrived so soon?

"Answer it," Miss Agatha bade and her voice quavered a little.

I obeyed and was ashamed of my own agitation.

Jerry Cochrane drawled:

"Dave, I want to see you. I've got hold of something a bit interesting, my laddie. Where can you meet me?"

He slipped away from further questions. It was too important to discuss over the house telephone, he said, and for like reason I forbore to tell what we had found. At last I clapped my hand over the mouthpiece and said to Miss Agatha:

"It's Cochrane. He sounds so sleepy. I know he's excited. May he come here?"

At once she refused and then, to my amazement, gave way before my arguments. I pleaded that it might be important before Shannon came, to learn what Cochrane had discovered. I said we needed the alliance of Jerry's quick mind. Miss Agatha consented at last:

"Have him come, David. You're very stubborn and I—I imagine I'm getting old."

I bade Cochrane hasten and hung up as Miss Agatha said:

"Allegra, my dear, will you tell the hall force that Mr. Cochrane is to be admitted?"

The fur collar of the girl's cloak softened her face and the February wind had lent it color. Her aunt told her dryly and briefly of our discovery. Allegra glanced past me at the swathed weapon on the desk. Then she thought startled her.

"Agatha. You've sent for the police. And no one knows whose fingerprints may be on that knife. Even—"

"Even Grove's," her aunt completed in a level voice. "Yes, my dear. I'm not a Roman matron, but I have a respect for law. If they are there—"

Allegra had stepped quickly toward the desk. I knew her purpose and moved between her and the knife.

"They aren't your brother's," I told her. "He was here when that knife was lost."

Anger lighted her eyes but her face went white.

"If you think," she said in a taut voice, "I'm going to let my brother's life be juggled about because a spy has hoodwinked an old woman—"

Miss Agatha's quiet speech stilled her.

"I'm not too old, Allegra," she said, "to be obeyed in my own house. Will you tell the hall force to admit Mr. Cochrane, or shall I?"

I saw what was coming. The girl's face seemed to break apart into quivering fragments. Her voice shook with ghastly mirth.

"I won't. It can't be happening. It's a funny, hideous—"

I said sharply:

"Get hold of yourself. You aren't Ione Paget."

She looked at me like someone just waked. Then she drew a deep unsteady breath and went to the telephone to do her aunt's bidding. Thereafter, she turned and looked at me again.

"Thank you," she said. "That's the first time—"

"Forget it," I told her.

She drew up a chair beside Miss Agatha. Their hands joined. The girl bent over and kissed the still old face. So we waited for Shannon while the crumpled mound of handkerchief on the desk kept us still.

It was Cochrane who arrived first. His chubby face, his mild prosaic air loosened the atmosphere. He bowed and acknowledged Miss Agatha's introduction to her niece so easily that I think the girl was partly reassured. Then he beamed at me.

"This is in confidence," he said, including the whole room in his smile. "This, my lad, is banner-line stuff, if we can get to use it. Did you see the Sphere this morning, any of you?"

I shook my head. I felt the sting in Allegra's voice as she answered:

"We read the Press."

"Intelligent people!" Cochrane grinned. "But you missed something this morning. The Sphere had a picture of Ione Ferriter."

He paused to enjoy the drama of suspense. The doorbell thwarted him. Shannon strode into the room. His companion lingered in the hall, satchel in hand. The Captain glared at Cochrane, who beamed in reply, and whatever question he was about to ask concerning the reporter's presence was blown away by Miss Agatha's voice.

"I sent for you, Captain," she said precisely, "because we have found the knife that stabbed Mr. Ferriter's visitor."

At my side I heard Jerry grunt. He uttered no other sound while Shannon rapped out questions and Miss Agatha replied as calmly as though she were giving census information. The Captain strode to the table and gingerly undid the handkerchief.

"Yes," he grunted, almost as though he regretted it, "it looks like it."

He held it by forefingers pressed to point and butt and turned it this way and that.

"Blood," he proclaimed, and I never knew before how ugly that word could be. "As for fingerprints—"

He wheeled and glared at me.

"You didn't wipe it, or mess it up, did you?" he barked.

Miss Agatha's voice cut:

"Mr. Mallory and I found it together as I told you. If we had wished to suppress evidence, we should have suppressed it entirely."

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